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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Art Unit : 2884  
Examiner : Gagliardi, Albert J.  
Applicant : Joseph S. Stam et al.  
Appln. No. : 10/615,317  
Filing Date : July 08, 2003  
Confirmation No. : 9360  
Docket No. : AUTO 218  
Customer No. : 028,167

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY  
EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF PATENT  
APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board from the decision of the Primary Examiner mailed April 27, 2006 finally rejecting claims 26, 27, 32-38 and 41-46.

The item(s) checked below are appropriate.

**1. STATUS OF APPLICANT**

This application is on behalf of:

other than a small entity  
 small entity

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Verified Statement

attached  
 previously submitted on \_\_\_\_\_

**2. FEE FOR FILING NOTICE OF APPEAL**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b) the fee for filing the Notice of Appeal is:

small entity  
 other than a small entity

Notice of Appeal Fee Due: \$500.00

**3. EXTENSION OF TIME**

(complete (a) or (b) as applicable)

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136 apply.

(a)  Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §§1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below.

Extension (months)	Fee for other than small entity	Fee for small entity
one month	\$120.00	\$60.00
two months	\$450.00	\$225.00
three months	\$1,020.00	\$510.00
four months	\$1,590.00	\$795.00

Fee Due: \$0.00

If an additional extension of time is required please consider this a petition therefore.

(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

(b)  An extension for \_\_\_ months has already been secured and the fee paid therefore \_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Fee Due: \_\_\_\_\_

or

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(b) \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

#### 4. TOTAL FEE DUE

The total fee due is:

Notice of Appeal fee: \$500.00  
Extension fee (if any): \$0.00

TOTAL FEE DUE: \$500.00

#### 5. FEE PAYMENT

       Attached is a check in the sum of \_\_\_\_\_

X Charge Account No. 07-1070 the sum of \$500.00  
A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

#### 6. FEE DEFICIENCY

X If any additional extension and/or fee is required charge Account No. 07-1070.  
and/or

       If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Account No. 07-1070.

Respectfully Submitted,

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